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HOW TO PLANT YOUR TREE

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This tree is a memento of the Golden Anniversary of the Forest Service. It is a loblolly pine — one of the common forest trees of the coastal plains of Virginia and southward. It grows well singly, or in plantations in the vicinity of Washington, D. C. Plant it in a pot or out of doors when opportunity permits. It is packed in moss inside the plastic bag and will remain in live, plantable condition for several weeks if kept moist and in a cool (but not freezing) place. Be sure that the roots do not dry out during storage and planting.

Trees, like any other living plant, require good care while being transplanted. Spread the roots out in the hole and pack moist soil around them firmly to insure that no air pockets exist to dry out and kill the roots. Set the tree at the same depth, or an inch or so deeper, than it grew in the nursery. (The nursery ground line is usually readily apparent because of a change of color and bark texture at this point.) Water the tree well after planting. The better the soil the better the tree will grow, but no application of fertilizers is needed.

John Burroughs once wrote:

"I have somewhere said that when you bait your hook with your heart the fish always bite, and I will now say that when you plant a tree with love it always lives; you do it with such care and thoroughness."



